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DISCRIMINATION ANNOUNCED AT CRC OPENING

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SUMMARY-FRAGMENTARY NEWS REPORTS INDICATE UNREST CONTINUED AROUND CAPE TOWN TODAY(SEPTEMBER 10) WITH 2 REPORTED DEAD AT MANENBERG, SCENE OF YESTERDAY'S HEAVIETS VIOLENCE. ACTIVITY ALSO REPORTED IN ATHLONE, EERSTE RIVER, RETREAT AND RAVENSMEAD AS WELL AS BLACK TOWNSHIPS NYANGA AND GUGULETU BUT EXTENT NOT YET KNOWN. AT OPENING OF COLRED REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (CRC) PRESIDENT OF SENATE ANNOUNCED SERIES OF STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO REMOVE DISCRIMINATION. THESE LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE BY MOST "COLORED" LEADERS. END SUMMARY

1. UNREST CONTINUED AROUND CAPE TOWN AND ELSEWHERE IN CAPE PROVINCE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 10). IN ADDITION TO INCIDENTS IN AREAS OF CAPE TOWN CITED ABOVE, 300 COLORED STUDENTS REPORTED ARRESTED AT PATERSON NEAR PORT ELIZABETH FOR ILLEGAL DEMONSTRATION. MOST WERE FINED AND RELEASED. POLICE AT OUDTSHOORN REPORTEDLY USED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE HUNDREDS OF CHANTING STUDENTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CLASHES IN MOSSEL BAY, WELLINGTON AND KNYSNA WERE ALSO

REPORTED. AT PAARLM NORTH OF CAPE TOWN AND SCENE OF HEAVY RIOTING YESTERDAY, SHOPS AND FACTORIES WERE REPORTED CLOSED. BUS SERVICE TO A NUMBER OF "COLORED" SUBURBAN AREAS WERE AGAIN DISRUPTED.

2. AT OPENING OF CRC (CAPE TOWN 1010) THIS AFTERNOON, PRESIDENT OF SENATE MARAIS VILJOEN REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED LONG LIST OF STEPS TO REMOVE "DISCRIMINATION". HE SAID THESE DECISIONS AROSE FROM TALKS BETWEEN COLORED REPRESENTATIVES AND PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET MEMBERS. HE SAID THEY INVOLVED REMOVING WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED "OBSOLETE PRACTICES AND USAGES". THEY INCLUDED:

- A. GENERAL INDUSTRIAL AREAS SHOULD BE OPEN TO COLOREDS AND INDIANS WISHING TO ESTABLISH INDUSTRIES THERE
- ?. MORE FREEDOM FOR COLORED AND INDIAN BUSINESSMEN TO TRADE OUTSIDE THEIR GROUP AREAS IN LARGER TOWNS AND CITIES
- C. PROMINENT COLORED PEOPLE TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES TO BE ESTABLISHED TO HELP PLAN COLORED RESIDENTIAL AREAS, HOUSING AND DEALING WITH SQUATTER PROBLEMS
- \$. PROPER WAITING AND CONSULTING ROOMS TO BE PROVIDED AT COLORED HOSPITALS, CLINICS, ETC.
- E. ALLOW COLOREDS TO PARTICIPATE ON EQUAL BASIS IN SCIENTIFIC AND ART CONFERENCES WITH NO NEED AT SUCH MEETINGS FOR SEPARATE MEALS, REFRESHMENT AND SIMILAR FACILITIES
- F. MINISTER OF LABOR MAY GRANT EXEMPTIONS TO PERMIT COLORED PEOPLE TO SERVE ON EXECUTIVE BODIES OF MIXED TRADE UNIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS
- G. SEPARATE ENTRANCES AND SEPARATION NOTICES NO LONGER NECESSARY IN PUBLIC OFFICES
- H. SERIOUS ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING MORE OVERNIGHT REST AND EATING FACILITIES FOR COLOREDS ALONG NATIONAL ROADS
- I. ADMINISTRATORS TO BE ASKED TO REVIEW ALL INSTITUTIONS UNDER PROVINCIAL CONTROL WHERE POINTS OF FRICTION EXIST OR MIGHT ARISE FOR CABINET CONSIDERATION.

3. AS EXPECTED, LABOR PARTY BOYCOTTED OFFICIAL OPENING. ALL 30 LABOR PARTY CRC MEMBERS INCLUDING LEADER SONNY LEON, REPORTEDLY LINED UP OUTSIDE CRC ENTRANCE HOLDING PLACARDS CALLING FOR RELEASE REV. ALAN HENDRICKSE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
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OF PARTY (SEE REFTEL). THEY WORE BLACK ARMBANDS IN MOURNING FOR THOSE KILLED IN RIOTS. SECURITY POLICE CONFISCATED PLACARDS SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SEN. VILJOEN, AND LEON TOLD REPORTERS A SECURITY POLICE OFFICER TOLD HIM GROUP WOULD BE ARRESTED FOR HOLDING ILLEGAL MEETING. THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED.

4. COMMENT: FEW IF ANY COLOREDS ARE LIKELY TO BE OVERLY

IMPRESSED WITH ABOVE LIST AND REACTIONS OF STUDENTS AND
OTHERS ACTIVELY ONVOLVED IN UNREST NEED NOT BE ELABORATED.

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